



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1482

**DATE:** February 24, 2015

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Updates

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

This Informational Letter is to serve as a reminder about requirements for submission of a resident review when a member has a status change and to provide additional information regarding the use of the web-based tracking system for PASRR.

### **Resident Review**

Iowa Administrative Code 441—81.7(2) requires that whenever a resident of a nursing facility undergoes a significant change in condition, the nursing facility shall initiate a resident review (RR) within 24 hours. A significant change in condition is defined as:

- Any admission or readmission to the facility immediately following an inpatient psychiatric hospitalization; or
- Any change that is likely to impact the resident's treatment needs related to a mental illness or intellectual disability

When such a status change occurs for any resident, the nursing facility must submit the RR by logging in to [Iowa's web-based PASRR system](#)<sup>1</sup>, and initiating a Level I screening. For facilities that may not already have access to the system, please see the information on Web Supervisor Registration under the "Supervisor Tools" section of the [Iowa PASRR website](#)<sup>2</sup>.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in non-payment for any days in which the facility is out of compliance.

### **Web-Based PASRR Tracking**

The same web-based system used in initiating a Level I screening has additional features which may be useful for nursing facilities. The system offers nursing facilities better access to PASRR records for their residents, even for those that have transferred from other facilities. It also allows facilities to easily print PASRR information for patient charts.

Additionally, the system is used to track admissions, discharges, and transfers. The department is currently working on a process that would deliver information on nursing facility admissions, discharges, and transfers from PASRR system to the DHS Centralized Facility

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ascendami.com/UserManagement/?loc=https://www.ascendami.com/Iowa/Iowa\\_Provider/Default.aspx](https://www.ascendami.com/UserManagement/?loc=https://www.ascendami.com/Iowa/Iowa_Provider/Default.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.pasrr.com/IowaDefault.aspx>

Eligibility Unit, to be used in place of a Case Activity Report. When the new process is complete, it is likely that the use of the system will become mandatory. The department encourages all nursing facilities to begin using the PASRR web-based system now. To assist facilities in using the system, a [nursing facility user guide is available online](#)<sup>3</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lila Starr, Iowa PASRR Program Manager, at (515) 281-5318 or by email at [lstarr@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:lstarr@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ascendami.com/pasrr/iowa/Educational/Edu9\\_29\\_2014\\_4\\_05\\_04\\_PM.pdf](https://www.ascendami.com/pasrr/iowa/Educational/Edu9_29_2014_4_05_04_PM.pdf)